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Leggett Seeks Applicants for Agricultural Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill <u>nine vacancies</u> on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Six positions are for bona fide farmers selected to represent the total farm community, and three positions are to be filled by non-farmers. Two farmer and the three non-farmer incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The 15-member committee advises the County Executive and County Council on all matters affecting agriculture in the County. Membership includes farmers, non-farmers, and at least one farm economist and one conservationist.

Farmer representatives serve three-year terms and non-farmer members serve one-year terms. Members serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month in Germantown.

Drew Stabler and David Heisler positions continue to be vacant now

Michele Cropp and Doug Lechlider-Requested appointments for second term farmers

Linda Lewis and Ben Allnutt-Requested waiver to serve for a third term farmers

Dennis Kamber & Aliza Fishbein-Requested appointments for non-farmer terms

Eddie Kuhlman-Did not request reappointment.

Jane Evans-Requested appointment for a New-First term farmer

Lori Larson-Requested appointment for a New-First term farmer and could represent the equestrian community and serve as the Conservationist because she received the MSCD Equine Conservation award in 2007

Michelle Bales and Nathaniel Cordova-Requested appointments for new non-farmers

David Weitzer serves as the Chair and the Agricultural Economist

Drew Stabler served as the Conservationist